

to build American military bases on Canadian territory, and when the process of merging the military forces of Canada and the USA is in fact being carried out, the storing on the country's territory of American atomic and hydrogen weapons creates a special danger for Canada in case of a military conflict. And indeed, in the present age of rocketry and atomic weapons is it realistic to think that if an aggressor uses military bases on foreign territories for an atomic attack the countries which provided these bases could escape a retaliatory atomic strike with its destructive consequences?

It is evidently for the purpose of quieting the peoples of NATO countries, who are alarmed with the perspective of storing American nuclear weapons on the territories of their countries, that the military leaders in the West are intensely spreading theories about the possibility of so-called "local" or "small" wars. Such assertions about the possibility of localizing conflicts are only attempts to mislead the peoples and to lull their vigilance. If, in our times, in the past, local incidents grew, as history teaches us, into wide military conflicts and world wars any so-called local military conflict becomes all the more dangerous at the present period when there are two opposing military blocs and when there exist such means of waging war that no country belonging to these blocs can remain outside the area of military actions.

Reports of the intention of the Western powers to unite in one or another form such existing blocs as NATO, SEATO, and the Baghdad Pact, did not pass unnoticed also. I am not going to conceal, Mr. Prime Minister, that the Soviet Government considers these plans as contrary to the idea of strengthening world peace and security; that is, as contrary to the aims which the Organization of the United Nations was created to fulfill. The participants of such a united military-political bloc, established with the aim of preparing war, would have had certain political and military obligations beforehand and would come forward as a power counter-posing the United Nations and its principles which are based on the acknowledged universal character of this international organization. If the situation is to be judged objectively then it should be acknowledged that the carrying out of such a plan would weaken the foundations of the U.N. and would inflict serious damage to the cause of peace.

Moreover, the participants of such a bloc would be in danger of being drawn into military adventures themselves which, of course, is contrary to their interests.

The Government of the United States being anxious to merge and to centralize the military power of the NATO countries put forward, together with the Government of Great Britain, the so-called doctrine of the "inter-dependence" of the NATO countries. It is not an accident that this doctrine was met uneasily by the countries of the North Atlantic Alliance as it involves a serious danger to their sovereign rights.

Attention is being drawn to the fact that all these military preparations in the NATO countries are being carried out in an atmosphere of artificially fanned military hysteria in the Western countries, in an atmosphere where the fatal inevitability of war is propagated and where people are intimidated by an imaginary threat on the part of the USSR. At the same time, in order to increase hostile propaganda toward the Soviet Union, attempts are made to present as a menace to peace even the latest achievement of Soviet science - the launching of the artificial earth satellites.